

long ago. I have been taking action to take hydro-electric power to Mattancheri for the past many months. I have been in communication with the Electric Commissioner of the Government of India and he has been pleased to sanction the necessary cables which otherwise will be hard to obtain for taking the line across to Mattancheri. I hope the work will be completed in about three weeks' time, and after that conditions will very much improve.

Khan Sahib Ismail Haji Essa Sait (Mattancheri): On the assurance of the Government I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

Cut motion, by leave, withdrawn

Demand for 29-Public Works put and carried

21. Public Works—Cranganur—Rs. 19,970

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): Sir, I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 19,970 under "21-Public Works—Cranganur".

Demand put and carried

2. Agriculture—Rs. 3,16,560

Mr. T. K. Nayar (Minister for Rural Development): Sir, I move for an allotment of Rs. 3,16,560 under "2—Agriculture—c—Veterinary". I request the House may be pleased to vote the demand.

Cut motion No. 26

Veterinary Surgeons—increasing the number of

***Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (Cranganur):** Sir, the cut motion standing in my name reads thus: "*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 53,614 for Veterinary Hospital by Re.1.* (The need for complete separation of the Veterinary Department from the Agricultural Department).

I am very sorry, Sir, that I am compelled to table this motion. I am trying to bring to the attention of the Government as well as the House the urgent need of a sort of bifurcation for the last so many years. A couple of years back when I moved this motion I was given the assurance that the matter will be considered very sympathetically by the Government and there it ended. There was a lot of sympathy and consideration but there was no result whatsoever. In view of the fact that the sympathy does not seem to have been based upon the awareness of the urgent need for the bifurcation I would like to place before the House the reasons why I want this sort of bifurcation.

First of all, Sir, practically in all the Provinces in India and most of the States these two departments are absolutely distinct having their own departmental heads and being run as independent departments. The only place where Veterinary is tacked on to Agriculture is Travancore and my submission to this House is that this, to my knowledge, has not been found to work very satisfactorily for the purpose of securing all that the Veterinary Department wants to achieve. The most important reason why I want these departments to be separated is that the functions of the departments of Agriculture and Veterinary, are absolutely distinct. There might be a sort of bond between the two; but in the essentials there is a world of difference. I will only draw the attention of this House to the Proceedings of the Development Department of the Madras Government where what exactly are the functions of the Veterinary Department have been very clearly put and I cannot do better than reading a part of the Proceedings. This matter came to the notice of the Madras Government when the question of the transfer of Live Stock section came up, whether it may be transferred to the Veterinary or whether it should be allowed to remain with the Live Stock Department. Then what they have said is this: In the course of the examination of the proposals and recommendations made by the Director of Agriculture in response to this, the question of future control again came under the review of the Government. Under the existing conditions, the responsibility for live stock work is divided between the Agricultural and Veterinary departments, and there is no doubt that control should vest in one department. *Prima facie*, advantage seems to lie with entrusting the sections to the Veterinary department. This implies no disparagement of what the Agricultural offices have done for livestock work. The transfer is justified by the closer affinity between livestock and veterinary operations and the practice

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.